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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of : Wilmert De Bosscher
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Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 25, 2003

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.